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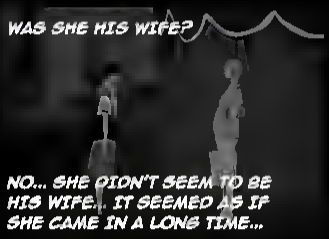
MOM...

YOU KNOW THE MAGICIAN I TOLD YOU ABOUT..

THAT MAGICIAN..

HAS A...

SO DISAPPOINTING...

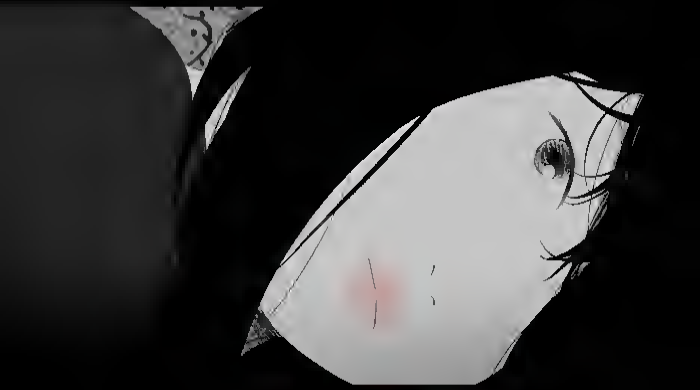


THEN, WHO COULD SHE BE...?

...
...HUH?
REMEMBER THE MAGICIAN WHO CAME HERE BEFORE?
YEAH...
YOU THINK...
HE'S A REAL MAGICIAN?

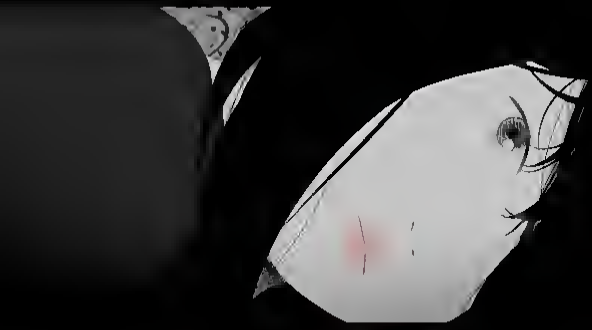
...YOU DON'T HAVE A FEVER...
DON'T STUDY TOO HARD...
DROOP

IT'S ALL MY FAULT.



THERE WAS A MOMENT
I DID THINK THAT HE WAS PATHETIC

BUT I WANTED TO GET AWAY
FROM MY MISERABLE REALITY.



WHAT WAS I THINKING?

THAT HE FELL FROM THE SKY?
A MAGICIAN IS JUST A PERSON.
AND THIS IS REALITY.

WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?

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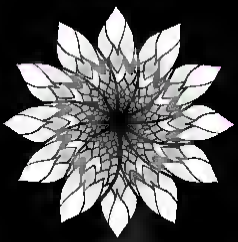

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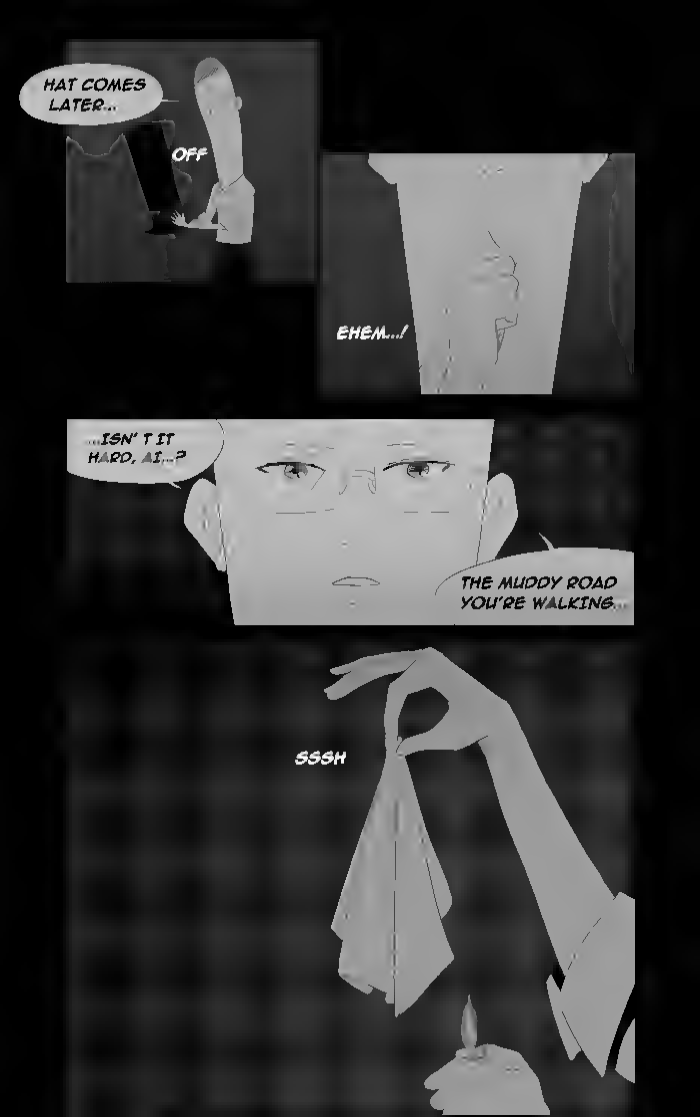
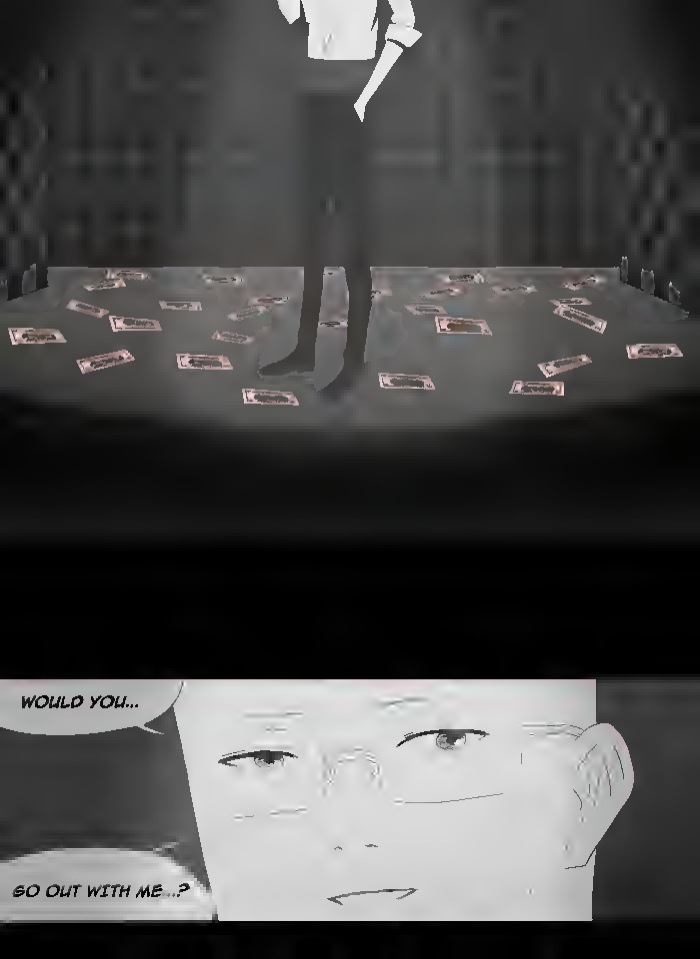
THANK YOU FOR COMING TO MY MAGIC SHOW...
I'M REALLY GRATEFUL...
SSSH
PFFT


HAT COMES LATER...
OFF
EHEM...!
...ISN'T IT HARD, AI...?
THE MUDDY ROAD YOU'RE WALKING...
SSSH

FLARE

ONCE YOU LEAVE THE DIRT...
PHAT
THIS IS...
THE MONEY GARDEN...

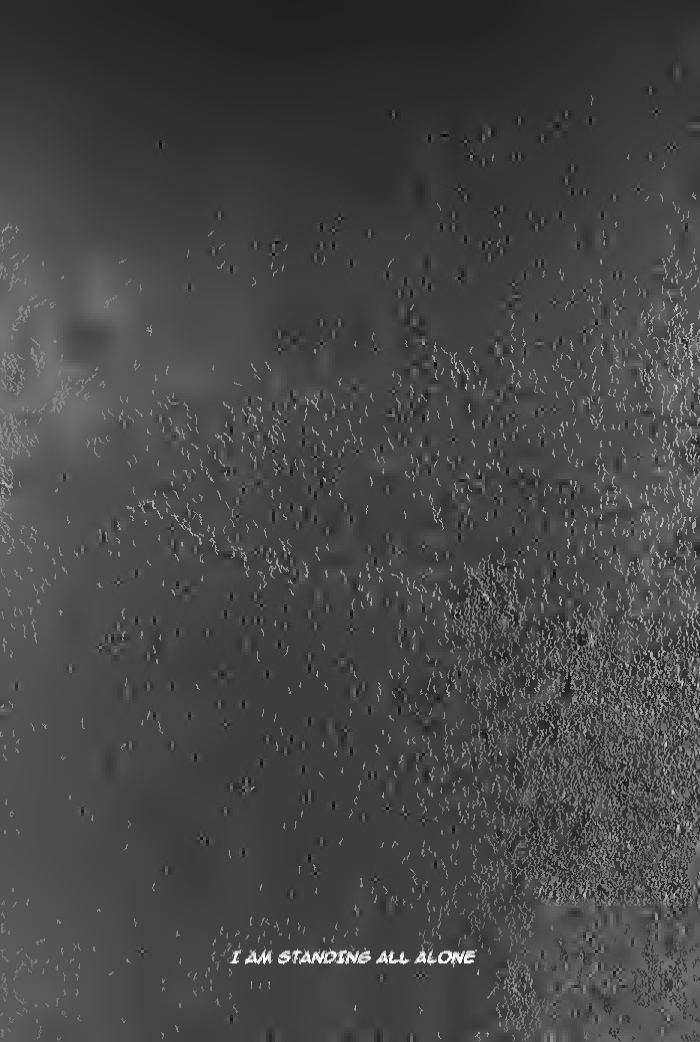

WOULD YOU...
GO OUT WITH ME..?

AWESOME!!
EVEN I THINK THIS IS SO AWESOME..!!
BRAG BRAG
IT'S REALLY COOL!!
PHEW~ OH WELL... I ASKED HER OUT IN AN OLD WAY AT THE LIBRARY THE OTHER DAY...
I SHOULD HAVE DONE IT IN MORE FANCY WAY FOR A GIRL LIKE AI.
BUT NOW IT'S PERFECT!!
IF I SHOW HER MAGIC AND ASK HER OUT, SHE'LL FALL FOR ME!!
HA HA HA!! HOW COULD I COME UP WITH THIS IDEA!! I'M REALLY SMART!!
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS FIGURE OUT THAT HANDKERCHIEF MAGIC! LET'S SEE..

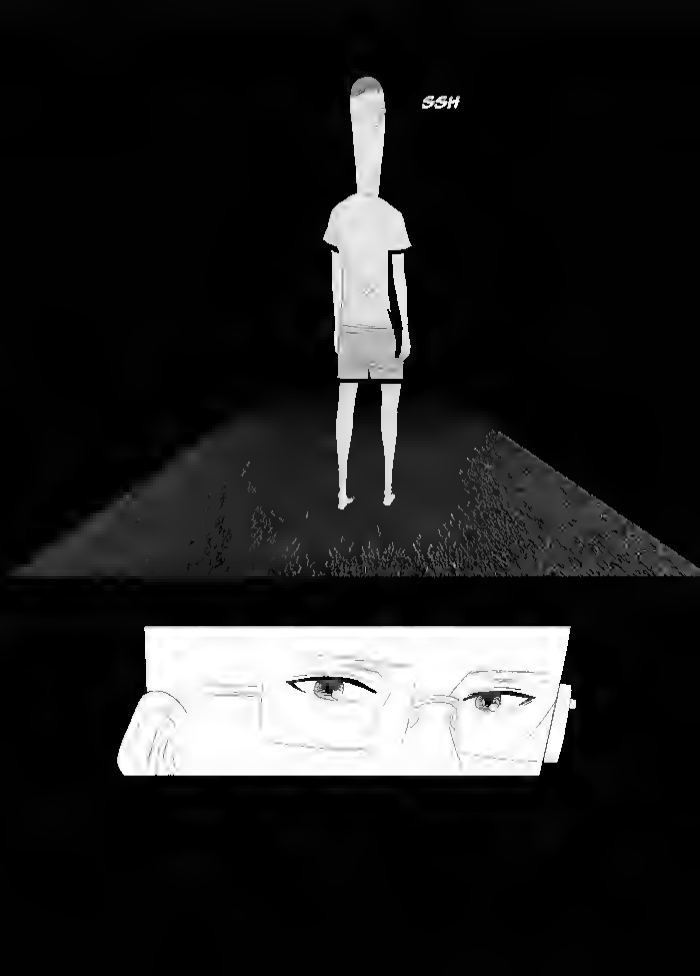
...WHAT'S THAT...?

WHAT...? MAGIC?
WHY WOULD YOU SEARCH SOMETHING SO WORTHLESS?
I WAS GONNA SEARCH FOR MAGNETIC...
SSH
WHAT DO YOU NEED TO SEARCH THAT FOR?
TAP
YOU CAN'T RELAX JUST BECAUSE MIDTERM IS OVER.
UNDERSTAND?

YOU SHOULDN'T FEEL SATISFIED WITH BEING THE TOP AT YOUR SCHOOL.
YOU KNOW YOU HAVE TO STUDY HARDER TO GET INTO THE LAW SCHOOL AT "H. UNIVERSITY". RIGHT?
IT WILL BE LIKE A JUNGLE ONCE YOU GET INTO THE LAW SCHOOL... AND TOUGHER, OF COURSE.
YOU KNOW IT'S NEVER TOO EASY TO MAINTAIN THE 0.01%.
...YOU SHOULD STUDY...
OKAY.


I AM STANDING ALL ALONE

ON ENDLESS ASPHALT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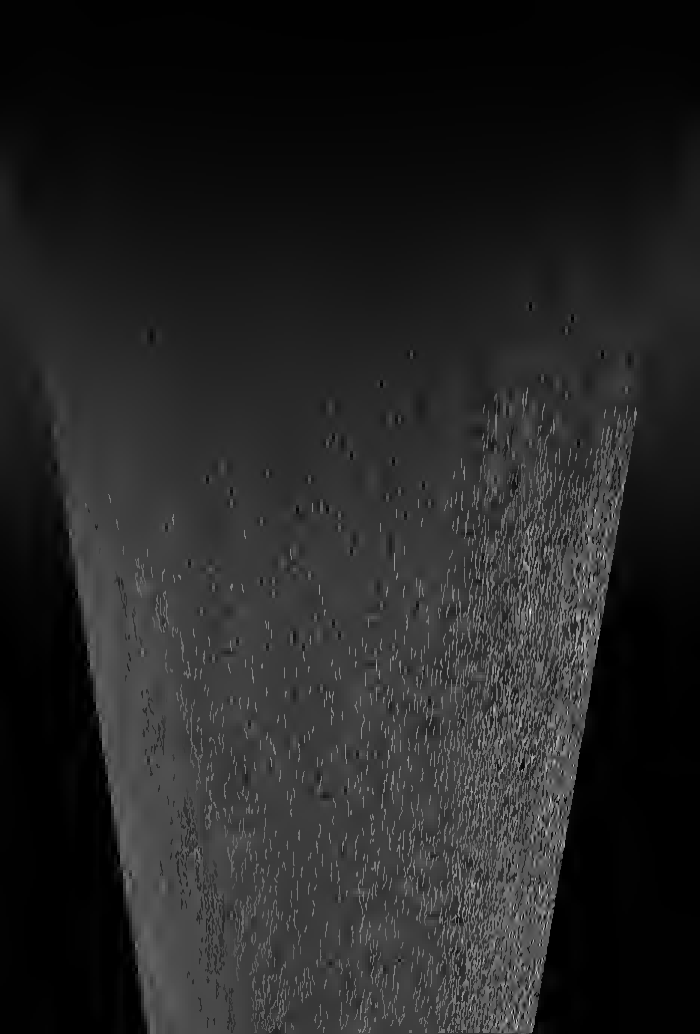
THE ASPHALT YOU ARE STANDING ON
ISN'T IT COLD?



I AM STANDING ALL ALONE
ON ENDLESS ASPHALT.

BUT WHERE AM I?

ANYWAYS, MAGIC IS ALL ABOUT THE BASICS
FANNING, SPREAD. PRACTICE WHENEVER YOU HAVE TIME.

I'LL GIVE YOU THE PACK I USED TO USE...
TAKE THIS AND PRACTICE.
SSSH
.....
WHY DO YOU LOOK SO PALE? IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG?
.....NO...
I'M JUST NOT FEELING WELL...

HEARING THAT...
I DON'T FEEL GOOD EITH...
OOF
URRGH!!!
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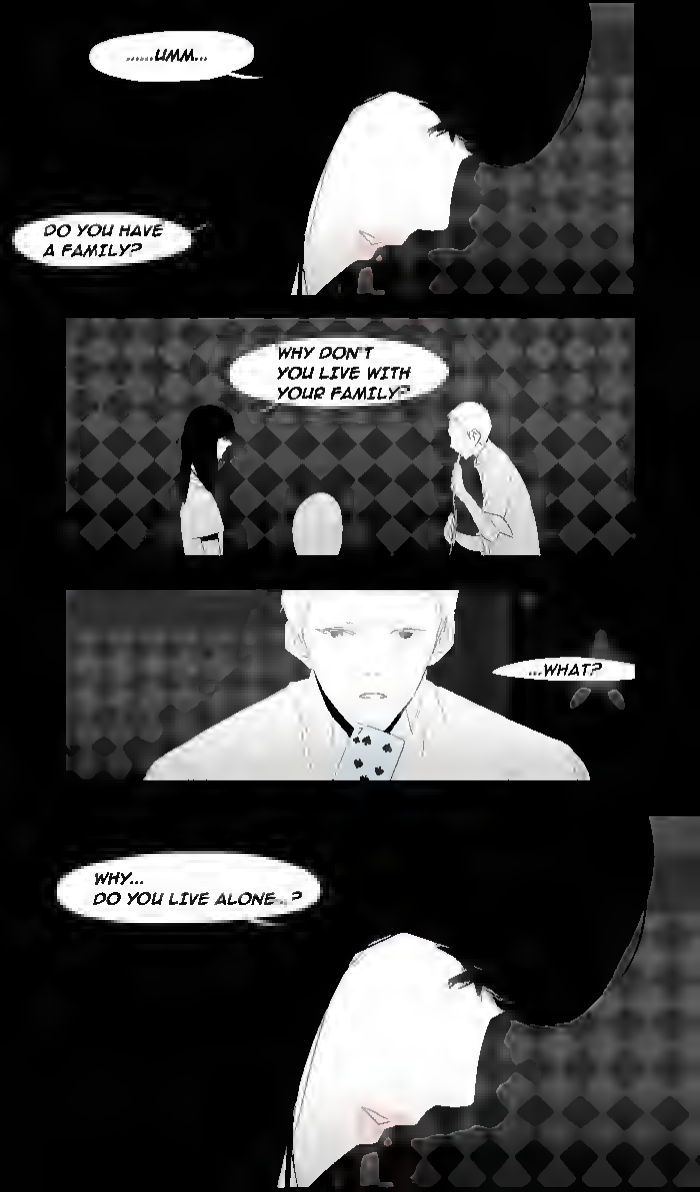
.....UMM...
DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY?
WHY DON'T YOU LIVE WITH YOUR FAMILY?
...WHAT?
WHY... DO YOU LIVE ALONE...?

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...OH, RIGHT.
I USED THAT DECK OF CARDS AT MY FIRST MAGIC SHOW...!

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I HAVE TO GO.

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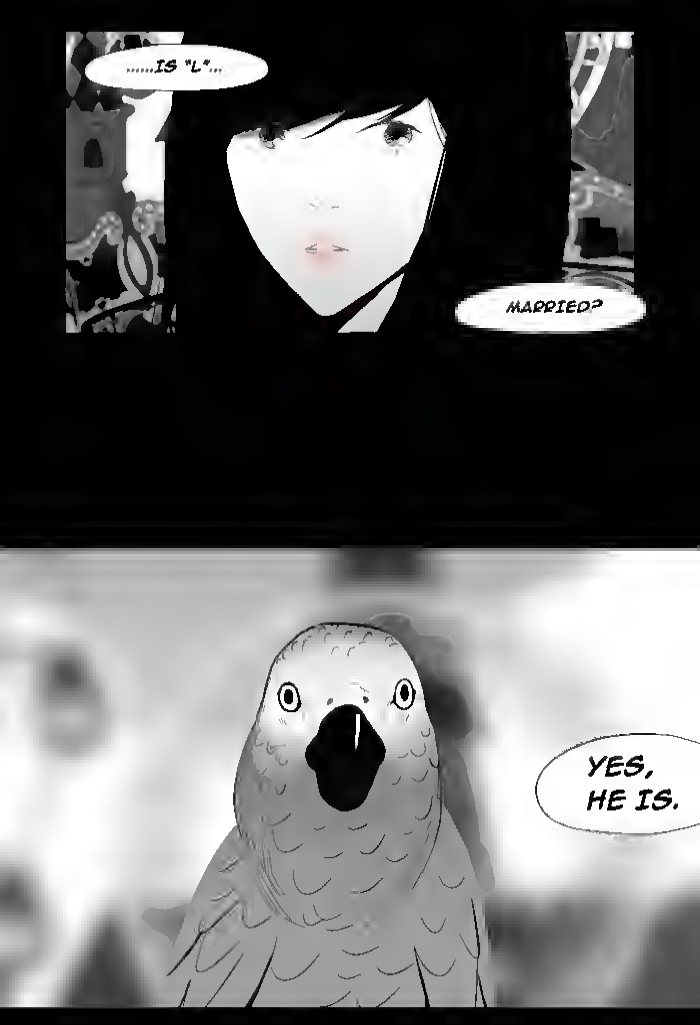
.....IS "L"...
MARRIED?
YES,
HE IS.

TO ME.
.....OH...
YUN AI!!
OH, HERE YOU ARE...
SSH
I HEARD YOU'RE LEARNING MAGIC HERE.
YOU'RE SOMETHING... WHEN DID YOU FIND TIME TO STUDY WHILE LEARNING MAGIC?
I CAME HERE TO LEARN MAGIC MYSELF... IS HE INSIDE?
HUH? YEAH...
HI!!!
DO YOU REMEMBER ME?
PATTER
.....

THANKS TO THE FACT
THAT I' M GETTING TO KNOW
WHO HE REALLY IS,
LITTLE BY LITTLE...

MY SENSES ARE COMING BACK AT THE SAME TIME, LITTLE BY LITTLE...

I LOVE MAGIC
BUT THE REASON THAT
I GAVE UP EVERY TIME...

IS BECAUSE I CAN'T
MAKE A LIVING OUT OF IT.

IF I CAN'T MAKE A LIVING BY PERFORMING MAGIC...

IT'S A WASTE OF TIME TO DO MAGIC AS A HOBBY...

IT'S RATIONAL TO DO ANOTHER

PART-TIME JOB OR STUDY, INSTEAD.

THEY ARE THE ONES WHO ARE RICH...

DAD...